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Dear Dr Lederburg,

Thanks to your efforts, and those of your co-editors and collaborators at the Institute of Medicine, the topic of emerging infections has become a focal point of considerable activity, both within the United States and internationally. Clearly, you have defined a critical need that has heretofore been unmet by current organizational structures or activities.

The World Health Organization recognizes the importance of this topic, and is in the process of developing a programme to address this critical issue on a global scale. Towards that goal, we have held several preliminary consultations, and are now in the process of organizing a meeting for the purpose of clearly defining the objectives of the programme, preparing a formal mission statement and terms of reference, creating a steering committee, outlining definitive steps to be taken over the coming year to implement the programme, and developing a strategy to provide sustained funding. This meeting is tentatively set for 10-11 March 1994 at the WHO headquarters, Geneva.

Realizing the seminal role that you have personally played in bringing the topic of emerging infections to the fore, I would like to explore the possibility of having you participate in this important formative meeting. Specifically, I had hoped that you would be able to attend our meeting on these dates, and present a brief (approximately 30 minute) talk on emerging infections as the keynote speaker to define the problem. I realize that your schedule is quite full, but I sincerely hope that you will be able to join us. Since time is short, I would greatly appreciate your response by return facsimile (41.22.788.2937) at your earliest convenience.

With best personal regards.

Yours sincerely,

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